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Languages

English (Fluent)

About

My architectural training and experience in many customer/client facing roles, makes me an effective problem solver, an efficient worker, and a creative, ambitious individual who also values developing and nurturing relationships with others.

I thoroughly enjoy every stage of the design process; from exploring concepts and narratives, to design development and finally the detailing and fabrication where the project becomes realised. However, the opportunity for experimenting with new and innovative approaches to design is something I continuously seek out and is the realm within which I truly thrive.

My interests extend beyond architecture and include fashion and graphic design, music, and writing. In recent years I have developed a keen interest and passion for gender politics and the impact of body variation on architectural and fashion design. I am currently conducting research on these topics, with plans to publish in the near future.

BRANDS WORKED WITH

Burberry

Nottingham Trent University, Interior Architecture and Design Department

Nottingham University

PLAYBODY

The Lord Stanley Pub

Wilkinson Eyre Architects

Experience



● Mid-weight Designer

Burberry | Nov 2022 - Now

- Working on luxury commercial projects within the architecture and beauty departments ranging from store designs to festive campaigns.
- Covering all stages from concept creation to final design, as well as production of visualisations and promotion images using Sketchup and Vray.
- Focus on interiors, commercial design and visual merchandising.

● Designer, Art Director, Graphic Designer

PLAYBODY | Nov 2021 - Now

- PLAYBODY is an independent experimental design practice founded by myself and several colleagues from the Bartlett School of Architecture.
- The current project explores the intimate relationship between the body and architecture through an interactive and immersive architectural installation.
- These installations are exhibited through events designed to celebrate queer and marginal communities, these events are sex and body positive and provide a supportive and safe space for these communities to come together.

● Studio Tutor and Lecturer

Nottingham Trent University, Interior Architecture and Design Department | Sep 2021 - Now

Exchanging ideas with students and assisting them in realising their designs and progressing their projects.

● Supervisor and bartender

The Lord Stanley Pub | Jun 2021 - Jan 2022

- Managing a full team and the operation of the pub during busy periods.
- I was promoted to this role quickly, allowing me to promptly become confident in a management position as well as skilled in conflict management and nurturing good team dynamic.

- **Guest Critic and Tutor**

Nottingham University | Jan 2019 - Jan 2021

- I maintain strong relationships with many of the tutors and ex-students from unit 4B of which I was a student during my undergraduate degree, having had the opportunity of being invited back for crits and tutorials.
- I remain an active member of our alumni group.

- **Architectural Assistant**

Wilkinson Eyre Architects | Jan 2018 - Jan 2019

- Worked on high profile projects such as the new HS2 Old Oak Common Station and a new skyscraper currently under construction at 6-8 Bishop's Gate.
- I gained a great deal of experience working through project stages 2 to 4.

Education & Training

2019 - 2021 ● **UCL Bartlett School of Architecture**

Masters Degree, Architecture

2015 - 2018 ● **University of Nottingham**

Bachelor Degree, Architecture

2008 - 2015 ● **Westcliff High School for Girls**

GCSE to A-Level,